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itar Vices, that dreadful and destructive habit,
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most serious and destructive symptoms to both
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POETRY.

From Blackwood's Magazine.

LITTLE ROSE.

She comes with fairy footsteps;
Softly their echoes fall:

And her shadow flies like a summer shade,

Across the garden wall.

The golden light is dancing bright,

'Mid the mazes of her hair,

And her fair young locks are waving free,

To the wooing of the air.

Like a sportive fawn she boundeth

So gleefully along,

And as a wild young bird she carreleth

The burden of a song.

The summer flowers are clustering thick

Around her dancing feet,

And on her cheek the summer breeze

Is breathing soft and sweet.

The very sunbeam seems to linger

Above that holy head,

And the wild flowers at her coming

Their richest fragrance shed,

And oh! how lovely light and fragrance

Mingle in the life within!

How fondly do they nestle

Round the soul that knows no sin!

She comes, the spirit of our childhood—

A thing of mortal birth.

Yet bearing still a breath of Heaven,

To redeem her from the earth.

She comes in bright-rob'd innocence,

Unsoiled by blot or blight,

And passeth by our wayward path,

A gleam of angel light.

Oh! blessed things are children!

The gift of heavenly love;

They stand betwixt our worldly hearts,

And better things above,

They link us with the spirit world

By purity and truth,

And keep our hearts still fresh and young

With the presence of their youth.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE GUNMAKER OR MOSCOW.

A TALE OF THE EMPIRE UNDER PETER THE GREAT.

CHAPTER I.

The time at which we open our story is

widwinter, and towards the close of the

seventeenth century. Russia is the scene.

In the suburbs of Moscow, and very near

the river Moskva, stood an humble cot,

which betrayed a neatness of arrangement

and show of taste that more than made up

for its smallness of size. Back of the cot

was an artisan's shop, and other out-buildings.

This shop was devoted to the manu-

facture of fire-arms, mostly. Some swords,

and other edged weapons, were made here

upon special application.

The master of this tenement was the hero

of our tale, Ruric Nevel.

We find him

standing by his forge, watching the white

smoke as it curled up towards the throat of

the chimney. He was a young man, not

over three-and-twenty, and possessed a

frame of more than ordinary symmetry and

muscular development. He was not large

—not above a medium size—but a single

glance at the swelling chest, the broad

shoulders, and the sinewy ridges of the

bare arms told at once that he was master

of great physical power. His father had

been killed in the then late war with the

Turks, and the son, leaving his mother with

a sufficiency of sustenance, went to

Spain soon after the bereavement. There

he found work in the most noted armories;

and now, well versed in the trade, he had

returned to his native city to follow his cal-

ling, and support his mother.

Near by stood a boy—Paul Pepoff—a

bright, intelligent lad, some fifteen

of age, who had bound himself to the gun-

maker for the purpose of learning the art.

Claudia Nevel, Ruric's mother, was a

noble looking woman, and the light of her

still handsome countenance was never

brighter than when gazing upon her boy.

She had a thankful, loving heart, and a

playful, hopeful soul.

'It is snowing again, faster than ever,'

remarked Paul, as he took his seat at the

supper-table, in company with the others.

'Ah,' returned Ruric, resting his knife

a few moments while he beat his ear to

listen to the voice of the storm. 'I had

hoped to see more for the present.

The snow is deep enough now. And

how it blows!

'Never mind,' spoke the dame, in a trust-

ful, easy tone, 'it must storm when it lis-

ten, and we can only thank God that we

have shelter, and pray for those who have

none.'

'Amen!' responded Ruric, fervently.

The meal was at length eaten, and the

table set back, and shortly afterwards Paul

retired to his bed.

Ruric drew his chair close up to the fire-

place, and leaning against the jam he

bowed his head in absorbing thought.—

'Seek?—I seek what I will have. Will

you sign?'

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 8, 1859.

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A PATRIOTIC AND INTERESTING SCENE.

A correspondent of the Washington States, writing from Jefferson City, Missouri, thus describes a noble act of the Missouri State Legislature:

'Quite a pleasant incident occurred in our Senate Chamber on Saturday last.—About two years ago the Legislature contracted for two full life-like portraits of Washington and Jefferson with a native Missouri artist, Mr. George Bingham.—He arrived here a few days before from Dusseldorf, Germany, with the pictures.

During the recess at dinner the portrait of Washington was suspended in its place in the Senate Chamber. Immediately upon the meeting of that body, Senator Johnson (a Virginian) offered a complimentary resolution to the artist for his magnificent and life-like portrait of our *pater patria*, which was immediately adopted, and without taking his seat, and whilst the members of the Senate and many spectators were gazing upon the noble lineaments of the almost breathing canvas, he introduced a bill do-

ning \$2,000 from the State of Missouri to the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association, to be applied to the purchase of the home and grave of Washington. The rules were immediately suspended, the bill read a first and second time amid the profound silence, when the noble form of the aged Senator, Col. Miles Vernon, the companion in arms of the gallant Jackson, rose and said: May there not be a dissenting voice to the passage of this bill? whereupon every Senator rose to his feet and responded 'aye' upon its passage. Then there went up an outburst of patriotism that made the noble hall of our beautiful capitol ring with the proud exultations of her sons and daughters. It was one of the most impressive scenes I have ever witnessed in the halls of legislation. Our Legislature have also appropriated \$3,500 for full-size portraits of the immortal Jackson and the noble Clay. I am happy to add that the lower House, by nearly a unanimous vote, passed the bill for the \$2,000 donation, and it is now the law of the land.

'Missouri, I believe, is the first State that has come to the aid of the women of the Union to aid in securing the home of the father of his country to the nation. May others go and do likewise. You, Mr. P., should feel a deep interest in this great young State of ours, as many of the brave hearts and fair women come from "the old Virginia State."

GO IT BOB-TAIL.

Here is a good old 'strecher,' that has split many a side.

A specimen of genus 'Hoosier' was found by Capt. ——, of the steamer ——, in the engine room of his boat, while lying at Louisville, one fine morning in June. The capt. inquired of him.

'What's that?' said John.

'Mr. B.' said the capt. 'Well,' said John, 'I think you are right, my master,' the boy replied.

'Well,' said John, 'Mr. Clerk, I want to get married, but I joined the church at the last revival, and I wouldn't swear for a hundred dollars.'</



J. B. GODWIN, ::::: Editor.

ELIZABETH CITY:

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 8, 1859.

THE EDENTON EXPRESS.

This paper makes an article upon the tariff, which appeared in a recent issue of the *Pioneer*, the text for a lengthy comment, in which there are several queer things, and not a few shabby and elegant terms applied to the President and the Democratic party. Opposition arguments consist in calling harsh names and piling up abuse mountain high, and the best man among them is he who can do the most of it, and we should indeed think it singular if the *Express* was an exception. That sheet is not behind its most accomplished contemporaries either in the quantity or the quality of this species of argument, as the article we are noticing gives ample evidence. Every man to his liking, and we shall not, therefore, find fault with the *Express* for dealing in that which is most congenial to its nature. Indeed, it would be ungenerous to expect from the opposition any thing short of a despotistic and vindictive warfare upon the Democracy. Without the shadow of a principle for which to make a stand; without a profession fairly before the country for its action, and with an insatiable hankering after the flesh pots, they are driven to the use of the only weapons within their reach, to the only means left them to uproot the popular confidence in the Democratic party, and these are, wholesale denunciation, unshaded abuse, and groundless assertions.

Whether the intelligent readers of the *Express* will admire the reasoning given in its article, we are not prepared to say, they may not be captivated by the terms "corrupt" and "imbecile," when applied by the *Express* to the President of the U. States, then again they may, as persons will disagree in such matters.

The *Express* charges that the President is "corrupt" and "imbecile," and as that paper should be a judge of such things, we shall not dispute the point, only upon the condition that Mr. Buchanan, — should the article of the *Express* ever come under his observation — feeling deeply mortified at the opinion entertained by the *Express*, shall request us to endeavor to convince the *Express* that it is in error.

The *Pioneer* might very justly find fault with Mr. Buchanan for his recommendations upon the tariff, because they are diametrically opposed to the principles which we espouse, still we have not accused him of "treachery," and we hope the *Express* will be sufficiently guarded as to represent us correctly. But does it become that print to attack him for his views, upon the tariff subject? Does a charge of "treachery" to the Constitution come with a good grace from a paper that professes to hold to the doctrine of protection and specific duties? It was far too great a leaning to these obnoxious measures by the President to which we objected, but it was reasonable to expect that the *Express* would have coincided with the majority of its party, and commended him for so near an approach to what they have affected to believe the true governmental policy. After quoting an extract from the *Pioneer*, the *Express* proceeds —

"We must confess the above to be a very strong bill of indictment, but we must, as states attorney, bring in the *Pioneer* as *particeps criminis* — as an "aider and abettor" for that paper did all it could to foist Mr. Buchanan and those "prominent Democrats" upon the country, and therefore is guilty as they. If they have proved traitors the *Pioneer* has placed itself in this same category by vouching first for their fidelity to the Constitution, and then by endeavoring to elevate them to the high positions they occupy."

If the readers of the *Express* were charmed with the elegance of the epithets we have given above, they will be equally astonished at the logic contained in the above morsel. Yet we have no disposition to shirk the responsibility of our action in supporting Mr. Buchanan for the presidency, and will for argument sake, admit the proposition of the *Express*. We believe Mr. Buchanan an honest man, patriotic and trusty statesman, and a true friend of the South. We cannot sanction his recommendations, and do not hesitate to say so. Does this impeach his integrity? Not at all. Suppose that the President is all that the *Express* charges and we are *particeps criminis*, are we worse than the party that put John Tyler in the presidency, and then scraped the infernal regions in the vain attempt to find language sufficiently expressive of their hate, abhorrence and detestation of the man and his acts? They loaded him with abuse, and denounced him as the most damnable traitor that was, Benedict Arnold not excepted, ever allowed to curse the earth with his presence. These were the charges of your own party, Mr. *Express*, and you must admit them true; were you *particeps criminis* in the deep damnation of his conduct? Read your own words, sir, and blush for the truth which you uttered against your party friends. It was thought to make a tool of John Tyler, but the bifers were bit. —

He was not the traitor.

"But this is only another instance in which Democrats have showed themselves corrupt, treacherous, unworthy public confidence and utterly incapable of appreciating honor or comprehending integrity."

To this extract — the italics are our own — we have only to reply, that "honor" and "integrity" are estimated differently by different individuals. Certain it is that we should never have gone within a know nothing lodge to learn either.

Another quotation and we are done. The *Express* says — "and at the end of its second year, we find this same James Buchanan "recommending measures antagonistic to the spirit of the Constitution," yet he is sustained by this same Dr. Henry M. Shaw, of Carrick County, whom the *Pioneer* helped to elect. But as the *Pioneer* repudiates Mr. Buchanan, who is sustained by Dr. Shaw, so it must repudiate Dr. Shaw."

Only a short time since the *Express* brought a charge against J. C. Badham, Esq., that was not sustained by the record, and we thought that it would be more careful in the future. But it seems not, as the above sufficiently proves. By what authority does the *Express* say that Dr. Shaw sustains the President, in the recommendations to which we have objected? If they are anti-democratic, you may swear upon your *bible* — if you have one — Mr. *Express*, that Dr. Shaw does not sustain them, and we call upon you to make good your accusations. Dr. Shaw will never support a protective tariff, or a specific system. Should he do so, will the *Express* object to him? Tell us neighbor.

DEATH OF THE HON. JOHN M. MOORE.

The papers bring us the melancholy tidings of the death of the Hon. John M. Moore, so long, so well, and so favorably known in this community. The news will be received with general sorrow by all who knew him. The article which we insert below speaks so fully our own opinion of the man, that we give it in the place of anything we could say. The Vicksburg Sun says:

Never was a community so startled or overcome with grief as was this on hearing of the death of this most estimable gentleman, the same occurring on the 15th inst. The sad news reached here yesterday morning, and it carried sorrow deep and unfeigned into every heart. So sudden was his death that it was hard to realize its actuality. But a few short days ago he was one in our midst the very picture of health and with every prospect of a long life before him. Little did we think when we separated from him a few days ago just before his leaving here for his plantation in a neighboring county, that we were looking upon him for the last time. But death loves a shaming mark. The breath of the death angel could not have withered a nobler form or chilled the life blood of a more perfect man than the subject of this poor tribute to his memory.

"None knew him but to love him," — None named him but to praise him. Judge Moore died as he had lived, a God fearing man — at peace with the world, and in possession of a clear conscience, a pure heart and an unsullied soul. He was in his thirty-second year when called from the shores of time to the illimitable confines of eternity, and though comparatively so young he had won for himself a name that his contemporaries will never obliterate from the pages of their memory. "Brief, brave and glorious was his young career."

Weep for him ye men of genius, for he was your brother. Mourn for him ye doers of noble deeds for he was your companion. Cherish his memory ye devotees at the shrine of patriotism, ye practicers of virtue, for he was your illustrious compere. Ay, turn and weep good men all, for "Tis manliness

To be heart-broken here —
For the grave of earth's best nobleness
Is watered by the tear."

Give thanks, all, that he is safe with Him who bath the power of pain and sin and death. May He who tempers the wind to the shorn-lamb console his afflicted family and watch over them as with a father's care.

It will be seen from the annexed Proclamation, that the President has called a session of the United States Senate, to convene at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, on the 4th day of March, 1859, at 12 o'clock M., on Executive business:

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas an extraordinary occasion has occurred rendering it necessary and proper that the Senate of the United States shall be convened to receive and act upon such communications as have been or may be made to it on the part of the Executive:

Now, therefore, I, James Buchanan, President of the United States, do issue this my proclamation, declaring that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene for the transaction of business at the Capitol, in the city of Washington on the 4th day of next month, at 12 o'clock at noon of that day, of which all who shall then be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, this 26th day of Feb. Anno Domini 1859, and [s] the independence of the United States the 83d.

JAMES BUCHANAN.

By the President:
LEWIS CASS, Secretary of State.

WILLIAMSTON MERCURY.

A new Democratic paper with the above title has just been started in Williamston, North Carolina, by Messrs. J. H. Foy and A. S. Williams, at the price of \$2.00 per annum. The Mercury is handsomely gotten up, and its contents evidence ability and taste. Our new contemporary will find work to do this summer, and will do well to this end.

A good story is told of Mrs. Douglas, when asked recently regarding her politics. Her reply was, "I am an old-line Whig, with pretty strong *Douglas* proclivities."

WHIG CONVENTION.

A call for a Whig convention to assemble at Graysville in May, appears in the last Edenton *Express*.

A Whig Convention not an "American, or an 'American-Whig,' but a *bona-fide* Whig Convention. Of whom will it be composed? Certainly not of the same gentlemen who, disgusted with the rotteness and corruption of the old Whig party, troubled in spirit at its wickedness and iniquity, and trembling lost the 'wild hunt' after office, in which its leaders were engaged, should 'burst' up the country, and send their saintly souls to be tormented by the Democracy, determined to withdraw from the presence of the engodly, and go no more in the ways of the unrighteous, and that pious resolve might be made effective, placed themselves under the holy counsel of one Samuel — an enemy of the Pope, and his dangerous emissaries, the Catholics, and not over affectionate with foreigners — who, feeling the responsibility of his charge, the liability of his flock to stray away, and their proness to do evil, gathered them together within the dark confines of the culvert, guided hither by the feeble light of a dark lantern after the shades of night had veiled objects attractive from view, and there by solemn oaths, mysterious signs, and awful threatenings to the unfaithful, bound them to the good work of saving the country? From the connection of a few names with this call, we are constrained to believe, notwithstanding the anathemas so repeatedly hurled at renegades, that these pious individuals are about to desert the cause of the immaculate Samuel, and once more come forth as Wines. Well, well, "any port in a storm," and we don't know that the poor fellows are so much to blame, seeing that working for Sam didn't pay.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

Loss of the Steamboat Princess — Explosion of her Boiler — Two Hundred Persons Perished — Samuel Watts, of Virginia, Killed.

NEW ORLEANS, March 1st.—On Sunday morning last, the steamer *Princess*, while on her way from Vicksburg to New Orleans exploded her boiler, and was burned to the water's edge. The accident happened near Raton Rouge. **FOUR HUNDRED PERSONS WERE ON BOARD THE PRINCESS, TWO HUNDRED OF WHOM ARE SUPPOSED TO BE KILLED OR DROWNED**, as that number are missing.

They were mostly residents of Louisiana and Mississippi, a large number of whom were ladies. Samuel Watts, of Virginia, is among the killed. (We very much fear that Col. Samuel Watts, of Portsmouth, so well known as candidate for the Lieutenant-Governorship of Virginia, and a gentleman of great personal worth, is referred to.) — *Ed. PR.*

A large number of the passengers were badly scalded and otherwise injured. The boat was one of the very first on the river. Boat and cargo are a total loss.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

A boat has just returned from the wreck, bringing a number of dead and wounded. It is reported that the *Princess* was behind time at Baton Rouge, and the engineer declared he would reach New Orleans in a certain time or blow up the boat. He was cut in two. About one hundred are wounded, many dangerously, some of whom are dying. It is yet impossible to ascertain certainly the number of lives lost. Some were saved in boats. Numbers of bodies are along the shore. No further news have been obtained of persons from the North.

APPOINTMENTS BY BISHOP ATKINSON.

Bishop Atkinson has made the following appointments:

March 2 — Kinston, (evening)
3 — " (morning)
4 — Beaufort,
6 — Newbern,
8 — St. John's, Pitt co.,
9 — Trinity Church, Beaufort Co.,
10 — St. John's, Durham's Creek,
11 — Bath,
12 — Zion Church, Beaufort co.,
13 & 14 — Washington,
16 — Greenville,
17 — Marlboro',
19 & 20 — Tawboro',
22 — Scotland Neck,
24 — Jackson,
26 — Woodville, Bertie,
27 — Windsor,
28 — Williamson, (evening)
30 — St. Luke's, Washington co.,
31 — Pettigrew's Chapel,
April 1 — Lake Chapel,
6 — Elizabeth City,
7 — Woodville, Perquimans co.,
8 — Hertford,
10 — Edenton,
12 — Gatesville,
13 — Jastiss's Chapel,
15 — Murfreesboro',
17 — Halifax,
18 — Wilson, (evening)
Raleigh Register.

THREATENED DESTRUCTION OF THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN MEXICO.—A special dispatch to the New York Herald of Sunday says:

A messenger arrived here this morning from Vera Cruz, with dispatches from Mr. Churchill, the special agent of our government in Mexico. The President and Secretary of the State had the matter under consideration until a late hour this evening. From what has transpired, it is understood the dispatches speak of the alarming danger which threatens the lives and property of American citizens in Mexico from the banditti now in power there, and imploring our government for prompt and immediate assistance.

It is not unlikely the President may transmit the dispatches to Congress on Monday, so as to show the necessity of power being at once granted him to protect the lives of our fellow-citizens in Mexico, unless Congress desires to be responsible for their murder. As a peace measure, that power should at once be given, so as to avoid the wild excitement throughout the country which the news of the butchering of Americans by a Mexican mob will be certain to create. Meantime there is no doubt the President will at once direct the Home Squadron to be sent to Vera Cruz.

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CAPITAL.

There is no telling the extremes to which a dishonest bankrupt will go to bolster up his sinking fortunes. He never stops to consider the criminality of his acts, or to ponder over the consequences to his reputation in the event of exposure. His only aim is to get money; honestly or dishonestly, it is all the same so that he gets money. Inattention to small matters in the arrangement of his schemes of fraud and swindling not unfrequently leads to detection and punishment.

The same blindness to a careful preparation of a plan of operations may be equally fatal to a dishonest bankrupt party, and we need not trouble ourselves to hunt up evidence more than is found in the conduct of the opposition in the Legislature during its recent sitting.

Finding themselves without capital, or the means to make even a decent show in the world; prostrate, helpless, but desperate, the fragment of the Know-nothing organization went into the Legislature, under advisement, with a fixed determination to reap whatever advantage the necessities of the State might give it over the Democracy. The unavoidable responsibility which rested upon the majority for providing means to meet the heavy liabilities of the State, promised to furnish them a little capital before the people, and, though well aware that the Democracy should not be held accountable for this condition of the public finances, it was too tempting a bait to be resisted by a party that had rendered itself immortal by the unworthy tricks which it has attempted to play off upon the public credulity that it might obtain the spoils of office. It was too much for these hankers after the flesh pots to sacrifice, and instead, of coming up boldly and honestly to the relief of the State, instead of seeking, in good faith, to adopt a mode that would meet the crisis with the least burden to the people, we find them arrayed in factious opposition, thinking only of the profit to the party. But the majority were equal to the occasion, equal to the emergency, and without fear, favor or affection, determined to assume the responsibility and sustain the honor of the State, the way they came up to the work like men, and provided a fund adequate to the demands. And if there is capital for our opponents in this prompt and efficient guarding of the credit and good name of the State, in the name of all that is good, let them reap the advantages. Let them go before the people with all they can make out of it.

We were fully informed, previous to the meeting of the Legislature, of the course to be pursued. The imperial mandate had gone forth, and we presume there are but few democrats disappointed at the result. — We knew that there was to be a systematic effort to manufacture stock upon which to trade in the election, and we were prepared for any thing with in the bounds of reason of which the opposition might be guilty. That their complete bankruptcy had rendered them desperate, all were aware, but few expected the extent to which it would carry them. It may be gathered from a perusal of the proceedings of the Senate for the last several days of its session — The utter desperation to which they were driven is manifest from the conduct of the chief fugitives of the party in the Senate, Turner and Leach — the former of the gentlemen has rendered himself notorious through the entire session — and his last act is a fitting conclusion to his brief and brilliant career. This by way of parenthesis. Doubtless the intention was to increase the amount of capital stock. In this they have singularly failed, and the engineer has been hoisted by his own petard. Who can read an account of the course of the opposition in the Senate, led on by the two senators above mentioned, and not feel convinced that a party capable of such a wanton and reckless disregard of the public interests, a party actuated by the motives that must have influenced the minority in giving countenance and support to the highly conceivable conduct of the two ambitious aspirants for the leadership, Messrs. Turner and Leach, is unfit to be entrusted with the reins of government, and unworthy the confidence of an honest constituency. There is a fatality attending every effort of the opposition to obtain popular favor and confidence. Circumstances may favor, and if rightly directed, would, perhaps, result in something beneficial, but, an over eagerness to snatch the boon thus offered, an ungovernable passion to grasp the spoils of office, swallows up every consideration of prudence and wisdom, begets the extremes of folly and madness, and without democratic aid, they accomplish their own destruction. No candid man can deny the divisions which have existed in our ranks. It would be presumption to affect blindness to the difficulties which our party have been forced to encounter, and these, if rightly managed might, purchase, have furnished capital for a lively campaign, but, oblivious to the dictates of prudence, and in imagination already luxuriating in the emoluments of power and place, the opponents of Democracy rush headlong to the accomplishment of their designs, under the guidance of self constituted leaders, whose only qualifications are conceit and love of office, and by one stroke lose all. Thus has it ever been and thus may it continue.

A party bankrupt in principle as in capital is this know-nothing organization; and there need be no better evidence of the fact wanting than is found in the factious, reckless, and unexcuseable waste of the time of the Legislature, and their efforts to legislate, at every hazard and regardless of the interest of the State, and at the sacrifice of the reputation of the Senate, for their master.

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When I left Mr. S. in the hall I am satisfied he had no weapons on his person. He was without his overcoat. He said nothing to me about weapons, or the probability of

THE WASHINGTON TRAGEDY.

As the following statement of Mr. Butterworth, the principal witness to the killing of P. Barton Key by the Hon. Daniel E. Sickles, of Washington City, contains the particulars of that terrible tragedy, we give it in preference to the various articles which have appeared upon the subject.

STATEMENT OF MR. SAMUEL F. BUTTERWORTH.

"The consequence of erroneous and false statements, which have appeared in the public press, in relation to the death of P. Barton Key, Esq., I feel that it is necessary that I should state the facts so far as I am connected with the occurrence. On Sunday morning, about 12 M., I received at the house of a friend with whom I was staying, a note from the Hon. D. E. Sickles, saying, 'Dear B., come to me right away,' which I showed to Hon. Robt. J. Walker and Senator Gwin, with whom I was then conversing. I asked the bearer of the note who was there, and said to my friends 'what can Sickles desire?' I immediately went to the house of Mr. S. On my arrival, I found Mr. Sickles in his bedroom, lying on his face on the pillow, overwhelmed with grief. Some time elapsed before I could obtain from him an account of the cause of his affliction. He kept exclaiming — 'I am a dishonored and ruined man, and cannot look you in the face.' Finally, he disclosed to me the following circumstances:

On Friday, Mr

CREAM OF A QUAKER LADY.
There is a beautiful story, told of a poor Quaker lady, who was addicted to smoking tobacco. She had indulged in the habit until it had increased so upon her, that she not only smoked her pipe a large portion of the day, but frequently sat up in her bed for this purpose during the night. For one of these entertainments she fell asleep, and dreamed that she died and ascended heaven. Meeting an angel, she asked him if her name was written in the book of life. He disappeared, but returned on returning, that he could not find her.

"Oh," said she, "do look again; it must be there!"

He examined again; but returned with a sorrowful face, saying that it was not there.

"Oh," said she, "in agony, 'tis must be there!"

I have an assurance that it is there!"

He looked once more!

The angel was moved to tears by her entreaties, and again left her to renew his vigil. After a long absence, he came back, his face radiant with joy, and exulted.

"We have found it! but it was so clouded with tobacco smoke that we could hardly

see it."

The good old woman upon waking, immediately threw her pipe away, and never indulged in smoking again.

A SEAT ON THE FLOOR.—[Lady reads legislative proceedings.]

[On motion of Mr. Smith, the ladies were admitted to a seat on the floor of the House, 'gentleman lady heater'.

The seat on the floor, indeed! The State had better!

I should think the State had better!

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